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These men both work closely with the Riesa District Group of the SED, with Comrade Hecktheuer (a recipient of the Stalin Packages) and determine the entire personnel policies of the people's industries and the local government in collaboration with the FDGB. Wetzel and Hecktheuer have frequent secret discussions in the Party House of the SED in Riesa on Bahnhofstrasse. In various Riesa enterprises units of the NDP have been formed and these receive all possible support from the SED-directed managements of the enterprises concerned. The SED has such a high opinion of the NDP District Group in Riesa that Wetzel was elected member of the Riesa City Council on the 15th of January 1950 and was inducted with great pomp and ceremony. It is inferred that he will soon become a paid City Councillor.

3. The NDP District Group Riesa made a survey to determine who was willing to work in the committees of the National Front locally. Only a very few persons, already members of the SED or the NDP, declared themselves ready to participate, so that the whole affair was considered a great fiasco.
4. The Riesa District Committee of the National Front is now trying to determine what the opinion of the local population is, by passing to each family a printed circular with the following content:

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"To all the inhabitants of Riesa!

We ask all inhabitants to discuss with us openly all questions of daily life, be these cultural, economic, or political. We offer you an opportunity to write down the questions you wish to ask us on the back of this circular. You do not have to sign your name if you do not want to. Throw the circular (without postage) into the handiest mail box. We shall then answer all questions in a public meeting. The meeting for your section will take place on Tuesday, 7 March 1950, at 8:00 PM in the _____ Restaurant. You are cordially invited to be present..."

On the back of this circular at the bottom there was added the notation:

"Put down your questions here. Write frankly what you favor or are against. Don't forget to make suggestions and give us your opinion on the National Front."

On March 7 Approximately 100 people, mainly women, assembled at the specified restaurant. A number of observers of the Secret Police were in the audience, unknown to most of the persons present. The main interest displayed was in economic problems, chiefly food. A few sample questions and answers are summarized below:

- a. Q. Why don't old pensioners get any butter, when masses of it are on sale at the HO's?
 - A. The production of the average cow is down from 3,000 to only 1,000 liters of milk, and the animal population is not yet entirely sufficient. Moreover, the high prices of the HO's serve to draw off the excess currency in the hands of the more highly paid workers and the farmers, which in turn serves to provide a high level of tax income with which to care for the pensioners, "child-rich" families, and poorly paid workers.
- b. Q. Why can't we get electric bulbs?
 - A. There is a shortage of bulbs and what is available is reserved for industry. It would be possible to deliver low-grade bulbs, but it is not in the public interest to do so. A small quantity of high-grade bulbs will be made available in the middle of March but will cost DM 7.--for a 40-Watt bulb.
- c. Q. We can never accept the Oder-Neisse border.
 - A. The Oder-Neisse border was finally agreed upon and determined at the Potsdam Conference as the "peace-border". Whoever still doubts this is an enemy of the German people and must be combatted with the most active means. Whoever loves peace must acknowledge this or else be treated as an insurrectionist.
- d. Q. Why has the death penalty been reintroduced in Russia?
 - A. Every war has a corroding effect on people and many return home with different ideas....this has also, frankly, been the case with Russians, for there are black sheep everywhere. But, whoever has plans against the state and wishes to undermine the system will be and must be ruthlessly liquidated for the sake of the state.
- e. Q. Why are free elections opposed and why is the SPD not permitted in the eastern zone?
 - A. The SPD freely and voluntarily merged with the KPD to become the SED in the eastern zone. If this were to take place in the western zones there would be absolutely no objection to general elections in all of Germany. As it is, however, the SPD is the tool of alien powers and for this reason the policies of this party can not be tolerated, for the sake of Germany as a whole.

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f. Q. Why don't we get any briquettes?

A. Because the Western Powers are sucking the Ruhr dry. If everybody would work actively and effectively for the National Front, this condition would soon be remedied. Therefore, join the ranks of the National Front and work for freedom, peace, and justice, so that Germany will again be happy and secure.

g. Q. Are there secret concentration-camps ("Schweigelager") in Russia?

A. A returned prisoner of war spoke about this in November. I have talked with many thousands of prisoners of war and have made a point of inquiring about these alleged secret concentration-camps. In no case was anything known about them. Such rumors are spread to damage the good reputation of the Soviet Union. People who spread them are agents of the West who wish to create unrest in the peaceful eastern zone, and their handiwork must be energetically combatted.

h. Q. Why can't we get any information about the missing prisoners of war?

A. All P's were returned to their homeland by the end of December 1949. Those who are missing are not in Russia any longer and are to be charged to the account of the German Army High Command, for in the course of the retreat hundreds and thousands of soldiers remained behind (as corpses). They are to be considered as eternally missing. Here one can see the horror of war, and for that reason one should fight even more strongly against the instigators of a new war and support the National Front actively.

i. Q. You Communists are rascals and are to blame for the entire misery of the eastern zone.

A. This scribbler should be torn to pieces in the air. Whoever will not today recognize the great progress we have made since 1945, after a total collapse, must be blind. Just look at the west, where millions are unemployed while here our economic life functions smoothly and without foreign funds and there are no unemployed.

None of the circulars had been signed by those who wrote questions on them.

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